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Senior District Judge Mark L. Wolf's Retirement

Today, on November 7, 2025, Senior Judge Mark L. Wolf retires after more than 40 years of service to the public as a member of the United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts.

Judge Wolf was appointed a judge of the District Court in 1985, served as its Chief Judge from 2006 through 2012, and since then has been a Senior Judge. During his tenure, he has also served as a member of the Judicial Conference of the United States and Chair of the Committee of District Judges on the Judicial Conference, and on the Judicial Conference Committees on Criminal Law, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, and Codes of Conduct.

Chief Judge Denise J. Casper notes that “Judge Wolf has served on this Court with distinction for over four decades. His steadfast commitment to the rule of law, determination in wrestling with novel issues of fact and law, and dedication to making fair, equitable and legally sound decisions without fear or favor are the hallmarks of his time on the bench. His many opinions on complex issues of law in notable cases have had a great impact on jurisprudence. In addition, his tenure as Chief Judge led to the increased engagement with the bar and community, including the initiation of the Court’s bench/bar conference and his continued

support of the Court's Fellowship Programs. I, along with my colleagues and this Court community, applaud his years of dedicated service."

Prior to his judicial appointment Judge Wolf served in the Department of Justice as a Special Assistant to the Deputy Attorney General of the United States (1974) and the Attorney General of the United States (1975-1977), and as Deputy United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts and Chief of the Public Corruption unit in that office (1981-1985). He was also in private practice in Washington, D.C. (1971-1974) and in Boston (1977-1981).

Throughout his career, Judge Wolf has also provided valuable service in other ways. He is the Chair of Integrity Initiatives International, an international organization whose mission is to strengthen the enforcement of criminal laws against leaders who are corrupt and regularly violate human rights. He is also the Chairman Emeritus of the John William Ward Public Service Fellowship, the Chairman Emeritus of the Albert Schweitzer Fellowship, and a past Chair of the Judge David S. Nelson Fellowship.

Among other honors, Judge Wolf received a Certificate of Appreciation from President Gerald Ford for his work in the resettlement of Indochinese refugees, the Attorney General's Distinguished Service Award, an honorary degree from Boston Latin School, the Boston Bar Association's Citation for Judicial Excellence; similar citations from the Boston Chapter of the Federal Bar Association and the Massachusetts Bar Association (2012), and the International Conference of Chief Justices of the World Mother Teresa Award (2021).

A graduate of Yale College and the Harvard Law School, Judge Wolf has taught courses on the role of the judge in American democracy at Harvard, Boston College, New England, and University of California – Irvine Law Schools. He was also an Adjunct Lecturer in Public Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School. Judge Wolf has also spoken about the role of the judge in a democracy, human rights issues, and combating corruption in many countries.

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